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SENT DEPARTMENT 44, REPEATED INFORMATION BERLIN 10, MOSCOW 7,
PARIS, LONDON UNNUMBERED.

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FONOFF GAVE US TODAY FOLLOWING REPORT, FROM SOVIET ZONE SOURCES,
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QUOTE

1. ACCORDING (SED) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, GDR GOVERNMENT CIRCLES WERE ASTONISHED THAT USA SO QUICKLY DECLARED ITS READINESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH GDR ON RELEASE AMERICAN HELICOPTER AND OCCUPANTS. IT HAD BEEN ASSUMED THAT SOVIET UNION, IN VIEW GENERAL SITUATION, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN PREPARED GIVE WAY IN SEVERAL DAYS.

2. HOWEVER, AS REGARDS BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS, WHICH ARE ASSURED BY FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS, SOVIET UNION CONTINUES ATTACH GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO SOVIET ARMY COMMAND IN GDR RETAINING SOLE COMPETENCE, ALSO IN CASES OF EMERGENCY LANDING OR "STRAYED FLIGHTS" OVER GDR TERRITORY.

3. IT IS LEARNED FROM GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY CIRCLES THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WINZER WILL NOT REPEAT NOT FOR TIME BEING RETREAT FROM NEGOTIATING TACTICS FOLLOWED THUS FAR AND WILL FOR A WHILE PURSUE TALKS FRUITLESSLY. IF, HOWEVER, AMERICANS MAINTAIN FIRM POSITION AND REJECT ALL SOLUTIONS INVOLVING ANY RECOGNITION WHATSOEVER OF GDR, LATTER CONTEMPLATES RELEASING AIRMEN BUT RETAINING HELICOPTER.

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